



Department of World Missions & Intercultural Studies

The purpose of the Department of World Missions and Intercultural Studies is to motivate, prepare, and mobilize students to fulfill Christ's mandate to make disciples globally and to make Christ known to all cultures through the DTS community. The department is a resource for the seminary and local communities regarding cross-cultural and intercultural aspects of ministry by providing biblical, theoretical, and practical preparation for intercultural evangelism, church planting, leadership development, Christian education, and Christian higher education.

Required Course

Please consult the program curriculum charts in the Academic Programs section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

WM5101 Introduction to World Missions

Bain, McGill, Orr, Ortiz, Woodson

A study of the biblical meaning and purpose of missions, missions agencies and instruments, and missions accomplishments, trends, needs, and possibilities. *3 hours.*

Elective Courses

ThM students in the International Missions or Multicultural Ministries concentration should consult the ThM Concentrations section of this catalog for course requirements. Keep in mind that elective course offerings for a given term are subject to change without advance notice.

WM5405, WM5410, and WM5505 may be taken for 3 hours of credit or for 2 hours of credit and 1 hour of audit. The latter reduces workload and tuition expenses. If taken for 3 hours, the extra hour counts as an elective hour in the ThM program or as an extra hour in the MACM program.

Foundations for Intercultural Ministry

WM5205 Cultural Dynamics in Ministry

Bain, Coe, Orr

A consideration of the dimensions and manifestations of culture as they influence ministry, with special attention given to specific skills for exegeting a cultural setting for ministry. *3 hours.*

WM5210 Intercultural Communication

Bain, Orr

The development and assessment of a theoretical model communication strategies for creating understanding interculturally. *3 hours.*

WM5215 Dynamics of Missionary Development

Orr

A seminar for synthesizing intercultural principles from World Missions and Intercultural Studies courses and providing practical preparation for personal development, interpersonal relationships, and ministry effectiveness. Should be taken in the last term of study. *3 hours.*

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WM5220 Preparing for Intercultural Ministry

McGill

Designed for those preparing for a short-term, intercultural ministry experience, this course integrates intercultural-skills training and practical application contextualized for specific cultural settings. Participation in intercultural ministry partially fulfills the requirements for the course. This course can also fulfill one hour of internship for ThM students. This course is not designed for students with a missions emphasis; MACM students and ThM students in the International Missions concentration should contact the department for more information. *1-2 hours.*

WM5270 Historical Expansion of Global Christianity

Orr

An historical overview of missions starting from Paul's missionary journeys until today. Selected turning points in world evangelization will be evaluated to give the student a better understanding of how missions has changed within church history. *2 hours.*

Contexts for Intercultural Ministry

These seminars are designed to provide exposure to a broad range of ministry issues related to the unique context under consideration and provide an opportunity for in-depth reflection on particular ministry strategies.

WM5305 Ministry in African Contexts

Bain, Orr

A seminar-style study of the cultural, historical, and religious characteristics of ministry in Africa. The course will include the study of animism, African Traditional Religion, and African Independent Churches. Students will explore implications for ministry and construct an initial ministry plan for a context in which they intend to serve. *2 or 3 hours.*

WM5310 Engaging the Asian World for Christ

Spurgeon

This seminar-style course is designed to help students gain an understanding of personal ministry dynamics among people of various Asian cultures. Students will interact with ministry practitioners and current research related to specific contexts chosen by the class. Students will construct an initial ministry plan for a context in which they intend to serve. *2 or 3 hours.*

WM5315 Ministry in Today's Hispanic Cultures

Ortiz, Pocock

A seminar-style course that explores spiritual opportunities and needs in the Hispanic world by examining and understanding the varied cultural realities in which Spanish speakers live. Students will interact with ministry practitioners and current research related to specific contexts chosen by the class. Students will construct a ministry plan for a setting in which they intend to serve. Some of the work may be done in Spanish. *2 or 3 hours.*



WM5320 Ministry in Western Societies

Pikman

A seminar-style study of the cultural, historical, sociological, and religious characteristics that impact ministry in cultures dominated by a Western worldview, with the European Union as the case study. The course includes interaction, debate, and brainstorming in order to develop ministry strategies and gain skills for sharing the gospel in specific contexts. *2 or 3 hours.*

WM5325 Ministry in Multicultural America

Orr, Woodson

A seminar-style study of the cultural, historical, and religious characteristics of ministry in diverse American contexts and of the implications for ministry created by these characteristics. *2 hours.*

WM5330 Ministry in Muslim Contexts

Bitar

A seminar-style study of the cultural, historical, and religious characteristics of ministry in Muslim contexts and of the implications for ministry created by these characteristics. *2 hours.*

WM5335 Ministry in Roman Catholic Contexts

Pocock

A seminar-style study of the cultural, historical, and religious characteristics of ministry in Roman Catholic contexts and of the implications for ministry created by these characteristics. This course is often taught in Guatemala. Please contact the WMIS department for more information. *2 hours.*

WM5340 Ministry in Chinese Contexts

Lam

A seminar-style study of the cultural, historical, and religious characteristics of ministry in Chinese contexts and of the implications for ministry created by those characteristics. *2 hours.*

WM5345 Ministry in Jewish Contexts

Pikman

A seminar-style study of the cultural, historical, and religious characteristics of ministry in Jewish contexts and of the implications for ministry created by these characteristics. *2 hours.*

Strategic Approaches to Intercultural Ministry

WM5405 Christian Education in Intercultural Contexts

Ballard, Ortiz

A consideration of the theoretical, practical, and cultural issues involved in educational ministries in settings outside North America. May also be credited in the Department of Educational Ministries & Leadership (see EML5225). *3 hours.*

WM5410 Theological Education in Intercultural Contexts

Ortiz

A study of issues in educational philosophy, planning, administration, and teaching related to theological education in intercultural ministry settings. May also credit toward the PhD program (with approval from the director of PhD studies). *3 hours.*

WM5412 Ministry to Children at Risk

Lawrence

An exploration of the biblical and theological basis for meeting the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of children at risk both in the U.S. and around the world. Attention will be given to issues such as divorce, abortion, adoption, foster care, poverty, child labor, and human trafficking as they relate to



children at risk, as well as to orphans, refugees, and children of war. Opportunities will be provided to learn from guest speakers and organizations that are addressing and effectively ministering to children. *3 hours.*

WM5415 Church Ministry in Global Perspective

Brewer, Coe

Students will develop a philosophy and strategy for building local churches with global impact, including how to network with parachurch organizations to advance Christ's global mandate. *2 hours.*

WM5420 Missions Strategies for Unreached Peoples

Pocock

A study of ministry to unreached peoples and "closure strategy" in missions, with attention to identification, selection, and entry into modern unreached people groups and the concept of homogeneous units as targets for evangelistic ministry. *2 hours.*

WM5425 Intercultural Church Planting

Coe

A study of biblical principles behind church planting in the New Testament, together with case studies and modern research related to church planting in other cultures today. *2 hours.*

WM5440 Foundations of Christian Community Development

Woodson

A study of foundations and principles for Christian community development as integral to mission in the majority world, with implications for effective practice. *2 hours.*

WM5445 Business as Mission

The Department

This course examines the intrinsic value of work, business creation, and employment generation from a biblical and practical viewpoint. Attention will be given to the historical and re-emerging role of business as a vehicle of mission in limited-access countries. Case studies are used to demonstrate how best to create, manage, and grow a business for ministry in other cultures. Enrollment limited to 30 students. *2 hours.*

WM5450 Local Church and Social Outreach Ministry

Evans, et al.

An in-depth study of the kingdom-agenda approach to social outreach, with a focus on the creation and development of practical strategies for effective community impact through the local church. Classes will be offered on location at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas with lectures from Dr. Tony Evans and other members of his ministry leadership team. *3 hours.*

WM5455 Funding Your Ministry: Theology and Strategy

Pikman

Study of the theology of fundraising in ministry and missionary support and its implications for strategy and practical approaches in fundraising. 3 hours.

WM5460 Disability and the Body of Christ

Basselini

This course will help students develop a theology of disability and will include hands-on ministry with disability organizations in the Dallas area. Attention will be given to an extended examination of the field of disability studies and the ways theologians have conversed with a disability perspective. A cross-section of sociological, anthropological, theological, and historical insights will be employed to critically evaluate cultural assumptions about disability and to begin constructing a healthy theology of disability for the body of Christ. 3 hours.

Biblical and Theological Studies for Intercultural Ministry

WM5505 Christianity and Non-Christian Religions

The Department

A study of the history of non-Christian religions, their major concepts, and the philosophical structures undergirding the non-Western world. It includes the interface of the uniqueness of Christianity in a pluralistic world. May also be credited in the Department of Systematic Theology. 3 hours.

WM5510 Theological Issues in Contemporary Missiology

Richard

A study of theological issues affecting missiological thinking in relation to Christianity: the uniqueness of Jesus Christ in a pluralistic world; soteriology—the eternal destiny of the heathen; anthropology—biblical absolutism and cultural relativism; pneumatology—signs and wonders, and other charismatic issues; and eschatology—premillennialism and society. May also be credited in the Department of Theological Studies. 2 hours.

WM5515 Acts, the Church, and Culture

The Department

A seminar-style consideration of the formulation of transcultural ministry principles from sociocultural, theological, literary, and exegetical analyses of selected portions of the Acts narrative. Prerequisites: BE5101 Bible Study Methods and Hermeneutics and WM5101 Introduction to World Missions. 2 hours.

WM5520 A Biblical Theology of Missions

The Department

A study of the biblical foundations and purposes of missions, the nature of the missionary vocation, and the authority and scope of the New Testament in relation to missions. 2 hours.

WM5525 Spiritual Warfare

Pocock

A course that prepares Christian workers to help themselves and others experience victory over spiritual opposition from the world, the flesh, or satanic sources in their own or others' cultures. 2 hours.

WM5530 Cross-Cultural Apologetics and Worldview Evangelism

Orr, Richard

A study of worldviews that confront Christians in various cultures and of apologetic methodology useful in evangelizing different people groups in their own religions and cultures. May also be credited in the Department of Theological Studies. 2 hours.

WM5535 Theology and World Religions

Horrell

A study of comparisons and contrasts between selected areas of Christian theology and contemporary world religious thought, with a view toward understanding other religions and effectively communicating the gospel. May also be credited for ST5415 Theology and World Religions in the Department of Theological Studies. 3 hours.

WM5540 Applied Biblical Contextualization

Ortiz

A study of how to understand and apply the Bible faithfully and effectively in changing global contexts. Attention is given to biblical and historical bases and an evangelical hermeneutic and methodology for contextualization. Each student develops a biblically controlled strategy for contextualization and applies that strategy to one issue needing to be addressed from a contextual perspective. 3 hours.

WM5545 Chinese Historical and Theological Trends

Chia

A historical and theological survey of the Chinese church, with attention to the growth of the church in mainland China since 1980 after the Economic Reform. 3 hours.





WM5550 Global Christian Theology

Horrell

A study of emerging Christian theologies in global perspective with a view to understanding, evaluating, and constructively contributing to such theologies from a biblical-historical framework. This course, offered in consultation with the Department of World Missions and Intercultural Studies, may only be taken once as either ST5420 or WM5550.

Prerequisites: ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology and WM5101 Introduction to World Missions. *3 hours.*

TESOL Course

Students pursuing the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) certificate must complete the following course to earn the TESOL certificate. This elective is open to all regularly enrolled students. For a complete list of courses required for the TESOL certificate, please consult the Special Programs section of this catalog.

WM5620 Dynamics of TESOL

Chats

This course covers the elements required for receiving a TESOL Certificate. Topics include the following: an introduction to the study of language (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics); theories of language acquisition; standard teaching methods and techniques of instruction for TESOL; and integrating the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This course includes evaluation in testing techniques and instruction in curriculum evaluation. *3 hours.*

Directed Studies

WM5901 Independent Study in Missions

The Department

Independent research on some aspect of missions not specifically treated in other courses. Credit is allowed proportionate to the amount of work but not to exceed 4 credit hours in any one subject of study. Limited to advanced students and subject to consent of the professor. *1-4 hours.*

WM5902 World Missions and Intercultural Studies Thesis

The Department

Independent research and writing of a thesis on an approved topic under the supervision of two faculty advisors. Students will have one calendar year to complete the thesis. If the thesis is not completed by the end of a year, students will be registered in WM5903. Enrollment requires consent of the department. *2 or 3 hours.*

WM5903 World Missions and Intercultural Studies Thesis Continuation

The Department

The thesis continuation course is required of all students writing a thesis who are beyond one year in the thesis process. Thesis continuation is permitted for a maximum of one additional term (for a 2-hour thesis, including summer) or two additional terms (for a 3-hour thesis, including summer). *1 hour.*

WM5905 Special Topics in World Missions

The Department

This course is designed for students who choose to participate in special conferences, training, or programs that are more formal in nature and require student participation other than a standard independent study. Approved special topics will provide expertise or training not specifically covered in the seminary curriculum. Credit is allowed proportionate to the required amount of work but is not to exceed four credit hours on any one topic. Enrollment requires consent of the department. *1-4 hours.*

WM5909 Mission Field Research

The Department

On-the-field training and research, including twelve hours in pre-field analysis and orientation, six to eight weeks in another culture under the guidance of missions personnel, and the completion of a research project. *2 hours.*